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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

YOUR DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW IS HEADLINED IN THIS MORNING'S POST.
A WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PRESIDENT NIXON SENT YOU AT THE
REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV TO DISCUSS "MEANS TO END HOSTILITIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST." YOU WERE ACCCOMPANIED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR
DOBRYNNIN AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE GONE "A MATTER OF DAYS." (A-1)
ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR DEPARTURE DID NOT MAKE THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CARROLL KILPATRICK COVERS PRESIDENT NIXON'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS
FOR \$2.2 BILLION IN ARMS AID FOR ISRAEL TO PREVENT A MILITARY
IMBALANCE IN THE AREA "RESULTING FROM A LARGE-SCALE RESUPPLY
OF SYRIA AND EGYPT BY THE SOVIET UNION." AT THE SAME TIME, THE
PRESIDENT REQUESTED \$200 MILLION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CAM-
BODIA, WHICH HE SAID WAS USING \$1 MILLION WORTH OF AMMUNITION A
DAY IN RECENT HEAVY FIGHTING. (A-1)

FEATURED ON PAGE 1 ARE REPORTS OF ISRAELI FORCES EXPANDING THEIR
DRIVE ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL SOME 12 TO 15 MILES AGAINST STIFF
EGYPTIAN RESISTANCE, WHILE REPELLING MAJOR SYRIAN, IRAQI, AND
JORDANIAN ATTACKS ON THE NORTHERN FRONT. (A-1)

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MICHAEL GETLER REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI THRUST ACROSS THE SUEZ INTO EGYPT THREATENS TO UNRAVEL EGYPTIAN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WATERWAY, ACCORDING TO U.S. MILITARY SOURCES. THE EXPANDED ISRAELI ATTACK FORCE IS VIEWED IN WASHINGTON AS CLEARLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE SINAI CAMPAIGN THUS FAR. THE MOVE CARRIES RISKS FOR THE ISRAELI FORCE BUT ALREADY POSES MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE EGYPTIANS. (A-1)

IN A STORY FILED ON THE "WATERGATE TAPES" BY GEORGE LARDNER, PRESIDENT NIXON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED HE WOULD SUBMIT TO THE COURTS AND THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE A PERSONAL, WRITTEN SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE GLEANED FROM HIS SECRET WATERGATE TAPE RECORDINGS. MR. NIXON SAID HE WAS OVERRIDING THE PROTESTS OF ARCHIBALD COX AND ORDERING COX "AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH," TO CEASE HIS ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN THE TAPES BY JUDICIAL PROCESS. COX IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER AND SAID HE WOULD NOT ABIDE BY IT. (A-1)

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MURRAY MARDER SEES THE MIDEAST WAR TESTING U.S. AND SOVIET ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR ALLIES. CONTINUING HIS ANALYSIS, MARDER SAYS WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW HAVE REACHED THAT TESTING POINT IN THE WAR OF THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE THEIR CLIENT STATES AGREE TO A SOLUTION THAT SUITS THE SUPERPOWERS. WHILE ON THE SURFACE IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT THEY CAN DICTATE A HALT TO THE WAR BECAUSE THEY CONTROL THE RESUPPLY OF ARMS, THEIR INTERESTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY PARALLEL, EVEN IF THEY CAN MAKE THEIR CLIENTS COMPLY. (A-1)

TOM BRADEN NOTES FRICITION IN THE U.S.-ISRAELI ALLIANCE. YOU HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF ISRAEL'S INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM FOR FAILING TO PREDICT THE ARAB ATTACK. ISRAELI OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT U.S. OFFICIALS, INCLUDING YOU, ERRED ALSO. CIA WARNED THAT THE BUILDUP ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL LOOKED SERIOUS; YOU AGREED, AND PASSED THE WARNING TO ISRAEL. HOWEVER, BACK CAME TEL AVIV SAYING NOT SOA THAT THESE WERE USUAL MANEUVERS, AND THAT SADAT WAS BLUFFING. YOU AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE THEN PERSUDED BY ISRAEL'S SUPREME CONFIDENCE. NONTHELESS, THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT

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THAT THE U.S. WILL STAND BY TEL AVIV, BUT THE FRICITION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WILL LEND FORCE TO THE MESSAGE WHICH YOU WILL SURELY HAVE TO DELIVER TO ISRAEL SOMETIME SOON. THE MESSAGE IS THAT TEL AVIV MUST COMPROMISE ITS STAND AGAINST SURRENDERING ANY OF THE TERRITORY IT SEIZED DURING THE SIX-DAY WAR; IT MUST DROP ITS INSISTENCE ON NEGOTIATING ON ITS OWN; AND IT MUST ACCEPT SOME FORM OF BIG-POWER GUARANTEE IN RETURN FOR ITS SECURITY. BRADEN RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, BUT QUESTIONS ITS RIGHT TO SIT PERMANENTLY ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S TERRITORY, PROVIDING OUTRAGEDOUS RETALIATION, CONTINUED LOCAL CONFLICT, AND THE CONSTANT THREAT OF WORLD WAR. (A-19)

CHALMERS ROBERTS BELIEVES THAT MOSCOW VIEWS THE MIDEAST AS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY AND THAT IT INTENDS TO EXPLOIT IT UP TO BUT NOT PAST THE POINT OF RUPTURE WITH THE U.S. THERE IS A LIMIT IN BOTH MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON, IN SUPERPOWER TERMS, ON HELP TO RESPECTIVE CLIENT STATES. NOTHING THAT WILL BRING ABOUT A NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION WILL BE DONE. THE SOVIETS ARE PRESSING THEIR ADVANTAGE IN THE MIDEAST, SINCE THE TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IS TOO TEMPTING TO PASS UP. MOSCOW IS FURTHER PROPELLED TO PRESS THE ADVANTAGE BY A CERTAIN DISILLUSIONMENT OVER BREZHNEV'S EFFORTS TO EXTRACT VAST ECONOMIC AID FROM MR. NIXON. THE DELAY IN GRANTING MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS AND THE FAR MORE SERIOUS PROSPECT OF HAVING THE JACKSON AMENDMENT ATTACHED TO ANY AMERICAN CREDITS, HAVE VITIATED WHAT SENSE OF RESTRAINT MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE APPLIED IN THE CURRENT CRISIS. SENATOR JACKSON'S STRIDENT LANGUAGE, AND HIS SUPPORT, MUST ADD TO THE DISILLUSIONMENT IN MOSCOW. MIXED IN THIS IS THE AMERICAN REACTION TO SOVIET PERSECUTION OF INTELLECTUALS AND THE AMERICAN FEELING THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS BADLY TAKEN IN THE SALE OF GRAIN TO RUSSIA. HOWEVER, ONE NEED NOT BE TOTALLY DISILLUSIONED OVER DETENTE; THERE ARE SOUND REASONS, BEGINNING WITH THE NUCLEAR FACTS OF LIFE, FOR IT TO CONTINUE. (A-18)

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FROM CAIRO, JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS EGYPT SHOWS NO SIGNS OF BUGGING FROM ITS CEASE-FIRE TERMS AFTER FIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN SADAT AND ROSYGIN. THE SOVIET AIRLIFT OF SUPPLIES HAS INCREASED, WITH PLANES LANDING EVERY EIGHT MINUTES INSTEAD OF EVERY 15. A MAJOR

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EDITORIAL IN AL AHRAM LENT SUPPORT TO THE CONTINUING IMPRESSION IN CAIRO OF STURBORN EGYPTIAN OPPOSITION TO APPARENT SOVIET DESIRES TO FIND COMPROMISES DESIGNED TO PRESERVE MOSCOW'S PRECARIOUS DETENTE WITH WASHINGTON. (A-21)

YOU ARE PICTURED GREETING HUANG CHEN AT THE MAYFLOWER DINNER LAST NIGHT. AT THE DINNER YOU SAID EVEN IF THE NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE IS DIVIDED OVER THIS YEAR'S PEACE AWARD, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY GO TO OSLO IN DECEMBER, ARRIVING AT THE DINNER, GIVEN BY THE PRC'S LIAISON OFFICE IN YOUR HONOR. YOU LOOKED FIT AND ENERGETIC AND SAID YOU HOPED TO LEAVE FOR PEKING NO LATER THAN NEXT WEDNESDAY. (C-3)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TERENCE SMITH REPORTS ISRAELI FORCES DROVE SOME 15 MILES INTO EGYPT TODAY, KNOCKING OUT ARTILLERY AND MISSILE BATTERIES, AND EXPANDING THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE SUEZ CANAL, A MILITARY SPOKESMAN REPORTED. THE ISRAELI BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE CANAL NOW SEEMS SECURE AND IS REGARDED IN TEL AVIV AS A MAJOR TACTICAL SUCCESS. (A-1)

HENRY TANNER REPORTS THAT EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS SAID TONIGHT IN CAIRO THAT AN ISRAELI TANK COLUMN THAT CROSSED TO THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL YESTERDAY WAS NO LONGER A SERIOUS THREAT. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD STARTED THE OPERATION FOR POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSES AND THAT IT HAD LITTLE IF ANY MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.

JONATHAN KANDELL REPORTS FROM CHILE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF U.S. COMPANIES BROUGHT UNDER STATE CONTROL WITHOUT COMPENSATION BY THE RECENTLY DEPOSED GOVERNMENT MAY BE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER MANAGEMENTS.

WILLIAM SMITH REPORTS THAT LIBYA FIRED A DOUBLE-BARREL BLAST OF HER "OIL WEAPON" YESTERDAY BY ORDERING A CUTOFF OF SHIPMENTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. AND ALMOST DOUBLING PRICES. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SHOCKED AN ALREADY STUNNED AND CONFUSED OIL INDUSTRY.

BERNARD GHERTZMAN REPORTS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IT EXPECTED TO INTENSIFY ITS "COMMUNICATIONS AND EXCHANGES" WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN COMING DAYS ON THE TERMS FOR A MID-EAST SETTLEMENT AS A RESULT OF KOSYGIN'S TALKS IN CAIRO. OFFICIALS CAUTIONED THAT MAJOR DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS PROBABLY STILL AWAITED A DECISIVE TURN IN THE HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN ISRAEL

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AND EGYPT ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL.

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HEDRICK SMITH REPORTS KOSYGIN'S RETURN TO MOSCOW TODAY FROM A THREE-DAY MISSION TO CAIRO WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC INDICATION OF A BREAKTHROUGH TOWARD A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDEAST WAR.

DREW MIDDLETON REPORTS THAT DESPITE HEAVY AND CONTINUED EGYPTIAN COUNTERATTACKS, ISRAELI OPERATIONS WEST OF THE SUEZ CANAL SEEM TO BE SUCCEEDING TO THE POINT WHERE WESTERN MILITARY SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE FOCUS OF THE WAR HAS SWITCHED FROM THE SINAI BATTLE TO CONTROL OF THE CANAL.

JUAN DE ONIS REPORTS THE COST OF SYRIA'S WAR EFFORT, AND THE DAMAGE ALREADY CAUSED BY ISRAELI BOMBING ATTACKS, REPRESENT A HEAVY BLOW TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THIS RELATIVELY POOR COUNTRY.

A TIMES EDITORIAL ON THE MIDEAST WAR STATES THAT REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROPOSED TO WASHINGTON A PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BACKED BY BIG-POWER GUARANTEES OF NATIONAL BORDERS, OFFER HOPE THAT A MORE SECURE AND ENDURING PEACE MAY YET BE SALVAGED FROM THE FOURTH ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

ANOTHER TIMES EDITORIAL STATES THAT AFTER THIRTY MONTHS UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND MILITARY DOMINATION, TURKEY HAS TAKEN A LONG STRIDE TOWARD RESTORATION OF FULL-FLEDGED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH AN ELECTION THAT PRODUCED AN UPSET. WITH THIS ELECTION, THE TURKS HAVE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO RETAIN AND STRENGTHEN THEIR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY FOR THEIR GREEK ALLY.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

CHARLES CORDORY REPORTS THAT MORE THAN 12,000 ISRAELI TROOPS AND

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FROM 200 TO 300 TANKS HAVE DRIVEN ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL INTO THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WEST BANK IN EGYPT, MILITARY SOURCES SAID IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA WERE REPORTED BY EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS YESTERDAY TO BE "VERY HESITANT" ABOUT ACCEPTING A SOVIET CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL UNTIL THE BATTLEFIELD SITUATION ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL CLARIFIED.

STEPHEN LYNTON REPORTS THE AMERICAN ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK THAT THE U.S. WOULD SEND WEAPONS TO ISRAEL TO REPLACE MILITARY EQUIPMENT LOST IN COMBAT HAS ACCELERATED A SURGE OF ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING AMUNG THE ARABS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON.

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